

REPORT

Of the Committee of Claims in the case of Nathaniel Jones.

FEBRUARY 13, 1824.

Read, and with a bill for his relief, reported herewith, committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Nathaniel Jones,

REPORT:

The petitioner states that a boat belonging to him was taken into the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain, that, while so employed, in the summer of 1813, on Lake Ontario, it was captured by the enemy, together with its contents. He, therefore, asks Congress to compensate him for his loss.

The petitioner, in support of his claim, has produced the testimony of Colonel Jonas Cutting; he states that, in the summer of 1813, he was in the command of a detachment of troops of about 400 strong; that he was under orders to move them by the way of Oswego to Niagara; that, on his arrival at Oswego, some of the batteaux, provided by the Quartermaster, proved leaky; that he was under the necessity of unlading them; that Nathaniel Jones's keel boat was lying near the falls near Oswego; that he informed the said Jones that he was under the necessity of having his boat to go to Niagara; that the said Jones concluded, after some hesitation, to go with his boat, and, accordingly, Capt. Collins's company of artillery was embarked on board of said boat, and carried by said Jones to Niagara, and there landed.

Other testimony corroborates the above fact, and, furthermore, that the next day the boat was captured by the enemy on its return to Oswego.

The Committee consider the case of the petitioner as coming within the 3d section of the act of 1816, authorizing payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and, therefore, report a bill for his relief.

